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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE'S VISIT TO
WASHINGTON

1. I MET FONMIN DE LA PUENTE AT LIMA AIRPORT EARLY
THIS MORNING (FEBRUARY 11) ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM WASHINGTON.
I WAS PART OF SIZEABLE GROUP OF GREETERS WHICH IN-
CLUDED FAMILY MEMBERS OF DE LA PUENTE AND HIS PARTY,
SENIOR FONOFFICE OFFICIALS, AN AIDE OF PRESIDENT MORALES
BERMUDEZ, INTERIOR MINISTER CISNEROS (ACTING FONMINISTER
IN DE LA PUENTE'S ABSENCE) AND THE AMBASSADORS OF SPAIN
AND PORTUGAL WITH THEIR LADIES.

2. DE LA PUENTE AND PARTY WERE OBVIOUSLY VERY PLEASED
AND HONORED WITH THEIR RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON. THE
LUNCH AND CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY VANCE ET AL
EVIDENTLY WENT EXTREMELY WELL WITH ADEQUATE TIME TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON KEY BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL
MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BOTH COUNTRIES. DE LA
PUENTE MENTIONED TO ME THE INVITATIONS TO VISIT PERU
HE HAD EXTENDED IN THE NAME OF PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ
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BOTH TO SECRETARY VANCE AND THROUGH HIM TO PRESIDENT
CARTER. HE SAID HE WAS MUCH IMPRESSED WITH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S INTELLIGENCE, SPANISH-
LANGUAGE ABILITY, AND GRASP OF HEMISPHERE PROBLEMS. HE
WAS VERY GRATIFIED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE AND TO TALK WITH SENATORS HUMPHREY
AND JAVITS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE, AND ALSO WITH AMBASSADORS RICHARDSON AND MCGEE DURING THE SECRETARY'S LUNCH. HE SAID HE HAD NEVER IN HIS LIFE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH SO MANY OUTSTANDING AMERICANS AT ONE TIME.

3. I CONGRATULATED DE LA PUENTE ON HIS SUCCESSFUL PROJECTION OF THE PERUVIAN SCENE AND HIS STATESMAN-LIKE TREATMENT OF PERU'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. WHILE DECLARING PERU'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE POSITION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DE LA PUENTE EVIDENTLY COUNSELLED AGAINST OVER-EMPHASIZING THIS ISSUE IN LATIN AMERICA, MAKING SPECIAL MENTION OF CHILE, WHICH COUNTRY HE SAID NEEDED US HELP. HE SAID HE HAD JUST BRIEFED INTERIOR MINISTER CISNEROS, WHO WAS STANDING AT OUR SIDE, ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY VANCE, INCLUDING HIS REFERENCE TO CHILE. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, FONOFF SECRETARY GENERAL AMBASSADOR MARCHAND, WHO WAS ALSO AWARE OF THIS PORTION OF THE DE LA PUENTE/VANCE CONVERSATION, RECOMMENDED THAT I PASS THIS POINT ALONG TO CHILEAN AMBASSADOR BULNES WHEN NEXT I SEE HIM. (A FASCINATING ASIDE WHICH SHOULD BE OF AS MUCH INTEREST TO SANTIAGO AS TO WASHINGTON.)

4. BEFORE LEAVING THE AIRPORT, DE LA PUENTE SAID HE WANTED TO BRIEF ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE WASHINGTON VISIT BUT DID NOT SET A SPECIFIC TIME. I SHALL REPORT THAT CONVERSATION AS SOON AS IT TAKES PLACE.
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